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ALLIES HALT ON ROAD TO PEKIN

American Legation Has Been Burned by Mobs.

KETTLER BUTCHERED

Legations Fired and Bodies of the Murdered Food for Flames.

FOREIGNERS OPENLY EXECUTED

Little Hope Entertained for the Safety of Any Europeans in the Chinese Capital and Boxer Outbreaks Imminent at Canton. Russians Accused of Awful Barbarities.

Official dispatches received by the consular body at Shamphal confirm in the fullest manner the report of the butchery of Baron von Kettler, the German Minister, on June 18th. The Minister was tiding on Legation Street when he was attacked by Chinese troops and Boxers, dragged from his horse and killed. His body was backed to pieces with swords. The German Legation and six other buildings were burned and a number of servants of the legation were killed and their beddes thrown into the flames. Official confirmation of this ghastly business has crafted the attmost consternation among the consuls general of the powers, who expressed fears that war a lourance wills be declared against the Pekin Government. The consuls entertain little hope that any foreigners are left alive in the capital. There were 109 foreigners connected with the legations, fifty in the custom house. English and American tourists, and others to the number of 153, and nearly 50 legation guards.

The Griffish Foreign office has received news from the British consul at Chefoe that Baron you Kettler has been killed, but no other information.

KHILLING FOREIGNERS.

A dispatch to the Express from Nanking, June 30th, says:

"French priests here have received reports from Pekin that the public execution of foreigners has been in progress since June 20th. The news comes by runers from French priests at Pekin, who state that they administered the last rites to the condemned men."

Nanking cubies, dated Sunday, say that

state that they demonstrated in the condemned men."

Nanking cables, dated Sunday, say that Vicercy Liu Yun Yih received a telegram from Gen. Yulu on Saturday, stating that the German Minister had been murdered

at Pekin.
Liu Yun Yih has received this from the

Vicercy of Yuanshikai: "Foreign troops victorious at Tien Tsin. They will enter Pekin immediately." They will enter Pekin immediately.
Outbreaks of Boxers are imminent at
Canton. Boxers from Ping Tu were marching on Sunday on Chefoo. The Governor
feared for the town, and sent to the war-

ships for forces.

A small riot occurred at Chefoo on Sat-

MISSIONARIES SAFE.

Fifty-two refugees who have arrived from New Chwang aver that the Boxers have destroyed the railway north of Port Arthut, and that all the American and English residents are leaving. Gen. Yuan Saihikat, communding the best foreign drilled froops in China, has notified the German Governor of Kiao-Chau that he will not permit the German's proposed expedition to Welhslen to rescue Chalfont and lit Misses Bowden and Hawes, the American missionaries in the heads of the Boxers. The missionaries at Pao-Ting-Fu were reported to be safe on June 25th. MISSIONARIES SAFE.

reported to be safe on June 75th.

A correspondent in Shanghal learns from official sources that the Chinese are keying perfedoes between Shanghai and

figing perpendices between Shanghai and the Kiang-Nan arsenal.
Ascats of the Boxers are busy in Shang-hal providing hatred of foreigners.
Nothing has been heard from the col-umn which relieved Admiral Seymour five days ago and then proceeded toward Pe-kin; but, as it takes at least two days to communicate between Tientsin and Cheextraordinary in Troops are going ferward from Taku to Tien Tsin daily, though some reports Governor from Taku allege that it will be three addresses.

weeks before a large force can be sent to Pekin.

RUSSIAN BARBARITY. A dispatch to the Dally Mail from Tong Ku, without date, via Ghefoo, Friday, says: "It is improper any longer to con-ceal the harm done to the cause of the

etteler has been killed, and expr ave uncertainty as to whether any e members of the legations at Pe

OUR LEGATION BURNED. ROME, July 1.—The commander of the ruiser Elbe telegraphs from Taku, June

and, France and Germany, All the memeers of the diplomatic corps have taken
efuge in the British legation."

EUSSIA'S PROTECTION.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 1—According
o intelligence received in official quarers here, the Chinese population in severid localities has placed itself under the
protection of Russia. The Boxer insurrecion is no longer spreading, but is declining, and maintains itself only in the proince of Pec-Chil-II.

KILLING OF VON KETTLER.

He Was Dragged From His Horse and Beaten to Death.

ACCEPT JAPAN'S OFFER

The Powers Willing for Her Troops to Restore Order in China.

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DEATH REAPED AN AWFUL HARVEST

Nearly Three Hundred Perished in Hoboken Holocaust-Many Have Been Recovered.

bodies of victims of the Hoboken fire have been recovered. Each hour that passes witnesses additional recoveries of bodies, seared, maimed and burned be-yond all recognition or semblance of hu-manty, and the half has not yet been told, as all the bodies brought to the sur-face to-day were caught on grapling hooks, About the first of next week people will ealize the appalling loss of life, as it will then be time for the bodies that are lying at the bottom of the river to to the surface of their own accord. list of miss ng is still placed at but below the three hundred matk, and

the reduzed. hirty-seven have been either qualitively partly identified, most of them, so far has been d'scovered, being victims from

THE LIST GROWING. These who will undoubtedly swell the st of the dead are the two hundred and vity old men from the steamships, in-uding officers, sub-officers, scamen, offers, unchinists, coal-passers, and trimmers, the ninists, coal-passers, and triminers, the ter loss, of course, being among the who were below decks and who could get to the open before the flames ted them back, and the heavy falling is best them down to their death. Of he, the greater part are foreigners, and lists of their names are being checked by the steamship company officials as a as identification can be made. Then, there are some 350 persons who were mal boats, tighters, and about the

in various capacities.
burned North German piers, with
of the Thingvalla Line, reached out into the river like long, charred arms of some great body, which still steamed and smoked in its last hours of life. Rising about the whole mass is still a heavy

arrived general agent of the North German Lloyds, Gustave H. Schwab, was at his temporary offices, in Holoden, most of the day trying to straighten out the situation. He could not form any exact estimate of the losses as yet, but the company was doing all it could to get itself out of the tangle.

The company sent money down to the docks and paid it out to the survivors. More than \$14.600 in cash was dealt out to the men to-day, and suits of clothing was given to every man that asked for them. Pood and shelter was also provided for the company's men.

No 16 to 1 for Georgia.

ATLANTA, GA., July 2

The constitution for the survivors of the constitution for the survivors of the constitution for the survivors of the constitution for the constitution for the constitution for the survivors of the constitution for the survivors of the constitution for the constitution for the survivors of the constitution for the constitution for the survivors of the constitution for the survivors of the constitution for the constitution for the survivors of the constitution for the survivors of the constitution for the survivors of the survivors of

ATLANTA, GA., July 2.—A special to the Constitution from St. Louis, Mo., says the Georgia delegation en route to Kansas City held a meeting in St. Louis to-day. There is strong opposition in the in letter and spirit the platform of '96.

Ovation for Reosevelt. TOPEKA, KAS., July 2 .- As Governor

Governor refrained from any extended

THE RACE FOR SECOND PLACE

parently the Favorites,

And it is Quite Possible That an Outsider May Win-

HILL CONFERS WITH BRYAN.

He Would Say Nothing Beyond the Fact That the Talk Was Very Satisfactory - Thinks There is no Possibility of His Being President.

he did want it. There may be some dark horses; some men who have not been con-sidered possible or available; some men like Sewell, the presentation of whose name was a surprise and whose nomina-tion was not even surmised.

There are plenty of guesses made, but no one feels authorized to make definite

redictions. Ex-Senctor Hill returned from Lincoln o-day, and It may be said that his re-urn d'd not cause as great a sensation as d his departure. The mysterious silence ded his departure. The mysterious silence which he maintained, and which he ex-plained by saying, "Mr. Bryan and myself agreed that nothing should be said re-garding the conference between us," did not serve to whet the appetite of every

WAS NON-COMMITTAL. WAS NON-COMMITTAL.

It was not expected that Mr. Hill would talk of the conference, but there was a belief that he would say something of interest relating to the platform and the prespects of a modification, but he was decidedly non-committal.

When asked a direct question as to his other expects a few of decidence in the said.

When asked a direct question as to his eight against a 16 to 1 declaration, he said the convention would not meet for two lays. It might not act upon the plat-form for three days, therefore there was no reason to now discuss the question as to what it was to contain.

Mr. Hill talked with many men and

Mr. Hill talked with many men and quite a long time with some of them, but to no one did be outline his intended position or give any intimation as to the position Mr. Bryan bad taken while discussing the coming convention. To some visitors Mr. Hill said his conference with Mr. Bryan was very satisfactory, but in what particular he did not disclose. When the matter of his connection with the vice-presidency was mentioned he dismissed it in a manner indicating that there was not the least possibility of his being selected.

and Vice-President.

KANSAS CITY. MO., July 2.—KEN-TUCKY—The Kentucky delegation arrived to-day and will organize to-morrow. National Committeeman Urey Woodson said: "We are all, of course, in favor of 16 to 1. I favor an out and out declaration, and I think the majority of the delegates from Kentucky will be found of the same opinion. We are what might be termed a Shiveley delegation on the Vice-Presidency. At least half the delegation considers him the most available man. The lency. At least half the delegation con-iders him the most available man. The thers are scattered."
WEST VIRGINIA—The West Virginia

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WOULD DECLINE THE NOMINATION

Towne and Sulzer Ap- Bryan Will Insist on Explicit Declaration.

SHIEVELY SCRATCHED CHANGE IMPOSSIBLE BRYAN IS SUPREME.

If the Silver Plank is Modified He Will Not Run.

A LETTER FROM THE LEADERS.

Reaffirm Chicago Platform and Will be as Firm as

four years ago covers the ground amply."
Judge A. S. Libbetts, of Lincoln, chairman of the Nebraska delegation, said that it could be accepted as positive that Mr. Bryan would not be a candidate unless the platform contained a specific declaration in favor of silver at 16 to 1.
"The gentlemen who have gone to Lincoln will find him adamant, and he will not be moved from his position under any circumstances."

BRYAN MAY DECLINE.

Should the Convention Fail to Adopt 16 to 1 Resolution,

KANSAS CITY, MO., July 2.—Since the return to the city of some of the Democratic leaders who went to Lincoln to see Mn. Bryan, a sensational story has been in circulation. According to the statement made, if the Committee on Resolutions reports simply an endorsement of the Chicago platform, without reiterating 16 to 1, Mr. Bryan may come here, and on the floor of the convention offer an amendment and make a speech in favor of his favorite ratio. avorite ratio.
Should the convention fail to act favoraaly on his amendment, it is said, he would be compelled to decline the nomination on

AN AMERICAN KILLED BY A MOB

the floor of the convention.

Slashed to Pieces With Knives and Burned Before Life Was

Extinct-

TANGIER, July 2.—There is great excitement at Fez, owing to the French en-eroachment on the oasis of Touat, A mob killed the manager of a French concern, who was an American citizen, the British Consul has demanded the assistance of the authorities to protect his house, and the

authorities to protect his house, and the Jewish ghetto is besleged.

The legation here is making serious representations on the subject.

The name of the victim of the mob was Marcus Essagin. The outrage occurred Thursday last. Essagin, while riding on horseback through a narrow, joiled the mule of a Moroccoan religious fanatic and dispute ensued. The crowd which gathered siding with the priest.

Essagin, in self-defense, drew his revolver and fired wounding a native. This was the signal for a general attack upon the American, who received dozens of knife wounds, and whose body was burned, according to some, before life was extinct.

The French Minister was informed of the crime by a special messenger, and he notified the American Consul. Both the Minister and the Consul called upon Sid: Torres, the Sultan's Minister of Foreign Affairs at Tangier, and protested against

CROWDS POUR INTO KANSAS CITY

Tired and Travel-Stained Delegates Arrive.

His Influence Over the Convention is Astonishing.

A COUNTER MOVEMENT STARTED

Platform Should Be So Modified as to Bring the Wings of the Party Together.

Bryan holds on the convention's course as in snowing that there is little likelihood of a modification or deduction of the silver

ank. The arrival of the Nebvaska delegation, The arrival of the Nelvaska delegation, resh from conference with their leader, was mainly instrumental in showing Mr. Bryan's attitude. They were hardly off he cars before they met in caucus and armally put forward a declaration of innelples. They expressed "unalterable position to any surrender of the principle of bimetallism and a demand for a inancial plank making a specific pledge for the free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver at the ratio of 15 to 1, indemendently of what any other nation may lead."

The resolution was accepted as little The resolution was accurate short of notice to other delegations as to sentiment of men very near to Mr. Bryan. Some of them had just left him, and Justes Tribbetts, head of the delegates-at-large, direct with Mr. Bryan and Governor Hill at the right. Lincoln last night. STRAIGHT 16 to 1.

The platform must be straight out for to I, there is no question as to that," and Judge Tibbetts. A like view was expressed by R. L. Metcalfe, who will represent Nebraska on the Platform Commit-

I will urge that the financial plank of the Chicago platform be reaffirmed and re-adopted," said he, "not necessarily in the same words, but in the same spirit, with a declaration for free coinage at 16 to 1, without regard to the action of other na-

he return of Senator Hill without lan-The return of Senator Hill without tangible results which he was willing to discusse, made it plain that his conference with Mr. Bryan, at Lincoln, had come to naught, and it served also to emphasize the general feeling that Mr. Bryan would not tolerate any temporizing on the platform. The Senator came back from Lincoln on the car with the Nebraska delegation, mingling with them and exchanging views. But there was no evidence of the slightest sympathy among them for him as the champion of Bryan on the ticket.

ticket.
"For the reason," as Judge Tibbetts ex-plained, "that Mr. Hill would not accept

plained. "that Mr. All would not accept the nomination under the circumstances."

COUNTER-MOVEMENT.

But the development of Mr. Bryan's influence over the convention and his unwavering insistence on 16 to 1, has created a curious counter-movement. This is among the practical politicians of the carticular landers who run campaigns to party, the leaders who run campaigns to secure votes. They want no surrender, and neither are they seeking immolation at this one altar. They seek compromise at this one aliar. They seek compromise, concession and such a harmonizing that all sections can be brought together. As a result of this strong and growing sentiment, definite and urgent representations have been made to Mr. Bryan' in the interest of harmony and moderation on the platform. The bearer of these overtures is James Kerr, seere tary of the Congressional National Committee, who is with Mr. Bryan in Lincoln to-day after conferring with the leaders here.

Byyan in Luccia delta state containing with the leaders here.

He certainly reflects the sentiment of his own State. Pennsylvania and other Eastern localities, and it is understood that his mission has the sympathetic

the most influential party leaders now as-sembled here, including practically the entire membership if the Executive Com-mittee and George Fred Williams, of

A POSSIBLE PLATFORM. One Submitted by Van Wyck Meets

WILL CUT VERY

Hon. A. J. Warner Says the Ratio of Sixteen to One May be Changed by Conditions.

KANSAS CITY, July 2.—The placidity (

and place which had been assigned to Mr. Sulzer, who failed to appear.
"I don't care anything about the ratio of 16 to 1." he said. "Get silver restored Caten your hare first, then cook it. Regulate, silver automatically and you settle the question. I sometimes think we have lift too much stress on is to 1. I am in favor of it, but there are, and must always be, conditions which may change the ratio."

Interpretations followed with rapkilty, and eruptions followed with rapidity, and

Waiting a moment for quietness, Genera

Waiting a moment for quietness, General Warner continued:

"I tell you the question of 16 to I is going to cut little figure in this campaign. The issues will be anti-imperialism and crusts and what we should do for humanity, and the question of ratio will sink into infinitesmal insignificance."

Mr. Harvey leaped upon a table, and, repeating former statements, adied: "If the people do not instruct Congress before election on the question of ratio. Congress would never agree. And I stand here to say to you," pointing to General Warner, "Is to I has been demanded by our leader, Colonel Bryan, and we will follow his lead,"

A motion to adjourn brought out sev-

lead,"

A motion to adjourn brought out several objections, and General Warner settled the problem by declining to serve on the Committee on Resolutions.

A vote asking General Warner to ad-

A vote asking General Warner to address the convention at 10 o'clock to-morrow on the currency bill was unani-mously passed, and the convention ad-journed until that hour.

After the convention General Warner was waylaid at the entrance by many who had been present, and some of them denounced him politically and in some in-stances personally. The outside protest was as vigorous as that of the inside.

WILL JOIN DEMOCRATS.

First Session of United States Mone tary League Held.

KANSAS CITY, MO., July 2.—The United State Monetary League began its sessions to-day at the Auditorium. Hon. Charles I. Thompson, of Denver, president, called the meeting to order and introduced Hon. Edward H. Stiles, of Kansus City, as chairman.

chairman.

Mr. Stiles said that after thirty years of affiliation with the Republican party he was now ready to hand in his adhesion to the Democratic party. He charged that the Republican party had violated its promises on financial questions.

FOUND GUILTY.

Four Convicted of Conspiracy to De-

press B. R. T. Stock.

NEW YORK, July 2.—The trial of the men acused of conspiracy in publishing reports calculated to depress the stock of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company to the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company Company to the Stock of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company Compan with the leaders here.

He certainly reflects the sentiment of his own State, Pennsylvania and other Eastern localities, and it is understood that his mission has the sympathetic approval, if not the positive authority, of

GREAT ST LOUIS STRIKE SETTLED

By Agreement Between Company and Employes. 1

FREE TO JOIN UNIONS,

But Must Not Try to Force Other Employes to Join.

THE FILLING OF VACANCIES.

As the Company Needs Additional Men They Shall Be Selected From a List of Those in the Employ of the Company on May 7th Last-None Guilty of Violence Eligible,

ST. LOUIS, MO., July 2.-An agreement etween the St. Louis Transit Company nd its former employes was signed to-

The strike is hereby declared off.
"T. B. EDWARDS,

AGREEMENT PROBABLE.

Coal Operators and Miners May Get

COLOMBIAN INSURRECTION.

The Government Forces Defeated in

Pitched Battle. KINGSTON, JAMAICA, July 2-Fur-ther advices from Colombia say the rebei General Camacho recently captured a Government gunboat on the river Sinu-The government forces June 22d at-tacked the rebeis fifty miles from Fana-my. The former were defeated, losing one ma. The former were defeated, losing one hundred men killed, one gun and a num-ber of prisoners, rifles and flugs. The rebel General Forras has sent an uitimatum to the Governor of Fanama, demanding the surrender of the place. The uitimatum expired June 36th, but oreign consuls prevailed upon Porras to xtend it until July 4th. If the city is

is expected. British Retire.

LONDON, July 2-5:40 P. M.—The War Office has received the following dis-patch from General Buller: patch from General Ruller:
"Standerton, July L.-General Talbot
Coke, with the Tenth Brigade, reconnoitered June 29th towards Amesfoort
and found two thousand of the enemy there with guns in a strong position. Having shelled them he retired and was not followed up. His casualties were two killed and six wounded.

Starts for Kentucky.

BRISTOL, VA., July 2 - Special. - Constable Harrod left Bristol to-day for erankfort, Ky., having in charge Robert, Noaks, who is suspected of compilety in the Gosbel murder. The route is via Knoxville, the officer fearing trouble might occur in Eastern Kentucky.

SUMMARY OF TO-DAY'S NEWS-

Both branches of the new Council meet and choose presiding officers.

Silver service for Captain Sheppard.

Requisition for Robert Noaks is granted by Virginia authorities.

Formal opening of Fairmount Normal School to-night.

"Jim Crow" car law working well.

Latest news of the political world.

State. Eleven bodies of 'longshoremen recovered from Elizabeth River, who were frowned in collision between the steamer Essex and a barge Saturday.

—Gloueester and Richmond counties elect delegates to the Fredericksburg Convention.

Convention.

-The Southern Railway to erect a coal pler at Pinner's Point and haul coal from East Tennessee.

—Sixty-seven bodies recovered as result of Hoboken fire. The loss will probably reach three hundred.
—Leaders urge Bryan to aflow modification of platform, but with no show of success. Bryan will decline nomination unless there be a specific declaration for 16 to 1.

General.

Foreign. American Legation burned and Ger-an Minister butchered. man Minister butchered.

-Boxer outbreak threatened in Canton.

-German Emperor will demand complete satisfaction.